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INTRODUCTION

The Refugee Programs Branch, California Department of Social Services is publishing this Resources Directory to inform communities of the services and resources available for refugees in the State of California. The agencies included in this directory responded to an invitation sent to all California refugee service agencies requesting a description of their services. The Refugee Programs Branch extends its appreciation to all the agencies that responded and are represented in the directory. If you wish to have your agency included in future editions of this directory, please follow the instructions on the last page of the directory.

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In accordance with the Refugee Act of 1980, the SAC was established by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and represents a cross section of expertise and experience from all sectors involved in or affected by the refugee resettlement process.

Members of SAC are representatives from local government, voluntary agencies, service providers, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

The SAC meets on a regular basis to analyze critical issues affecting refugees and to develop, adopt, and submit recommendations to the Health and Human Services Agency, CDSS, other state departments, and federal authorities. The SAC assures citizen involvement in policy discussions crucial to the development of a cost-effective, sensitive, and comprehensive refugee resettlement program. The CDSS keeps the SAC informed on current issues affecting refugee resettlement in California and solicits advice from the SAC on the administration of the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). The advice given to the CDSS by the SAC, through formal recommendations and general discussions at SAC meetings, is seriously considered by the Department in the development of the refugee resettlement process in California.



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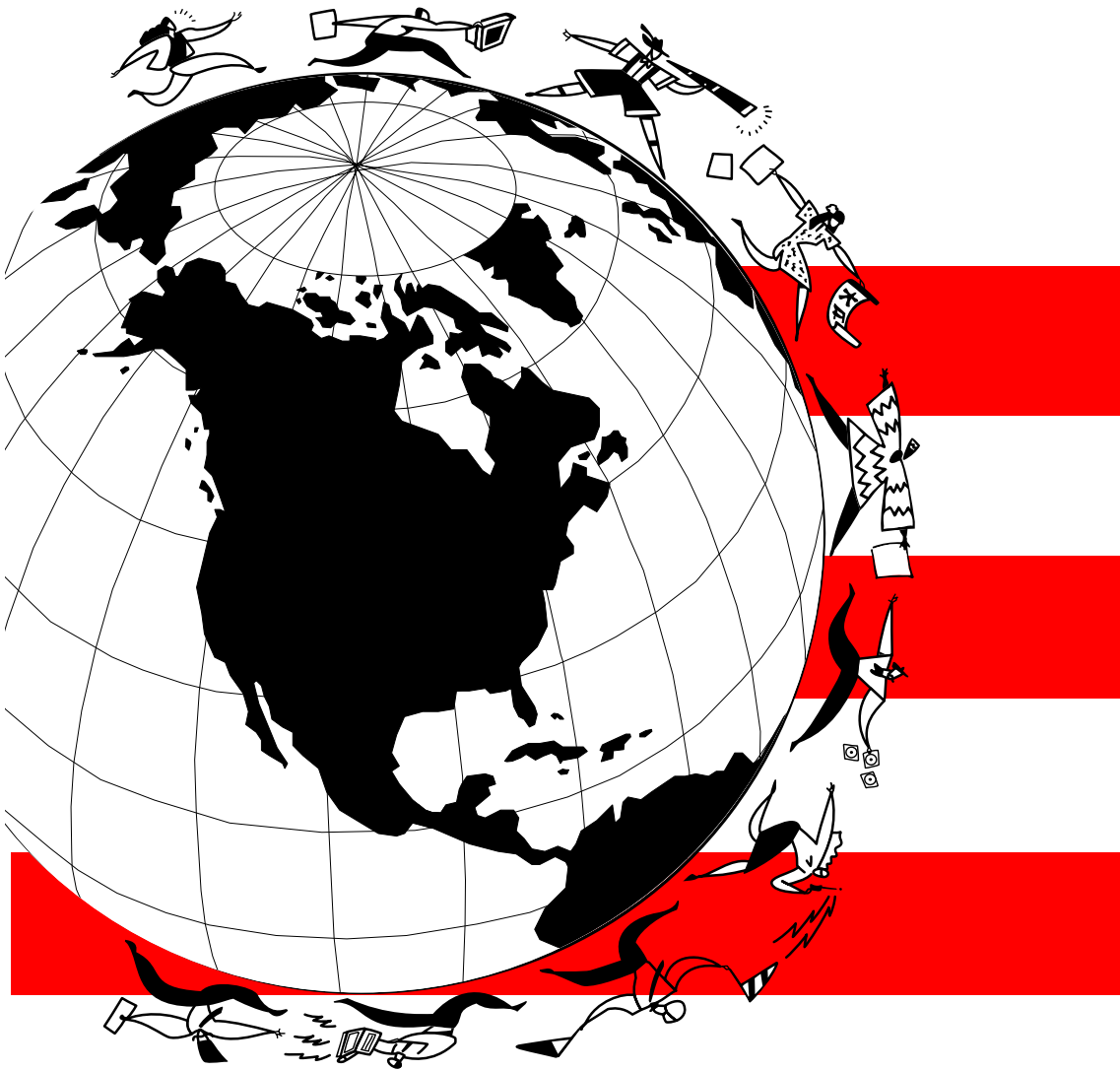
Location:

4052 Manzanita Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608

Phone: (916) 979-0519

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AGENCIES BY NAME





African Immigrant and Refugee Resource Center

Services: Employment Services for participants, job developing in terms of individual workshops on a weekly basis for counseling, job readiness, job search and job placement. English Language Training to improve language skills. Cost covered for Muni-Fast passes to help with transportation for job search.

Location: 942 Market Street, Suite 305
San Francisco, CA 94102

Contact: Saadia AL Khalifa

Phone: (415) 433-7300

Fax: (415) 433-7308



Alliance for African Assistance

Services: Helps refugees from all over the world in resettlement and adjusting to American culture. Programs include Resettlement, Health Care, AIDs/HIV Education, Family Strengthening, Mental Health, Family Self-Sufficiency, Emergency Assistance, Youth, Senior Citizens, Citizenship, Home Business Training, and Women Capacity Building. An international staff that speak over 25 languages.

Location: 3869 42nd Street
San Diego, CA 92105

Contact: Walter Lam

Phone: (619) 282-2318

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A

Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center (AESSC)

Services: Refugee Employment program, Refugee, Immigrant, Training & Employment program, 63+ program, tobacco control training, prison ministry services, immigration assistance, senior citizen assistance, tutoring of refugee students in public schools, translation, interpretation, fingerprinting/photo, notary public services, referral to medical, legal and housing as needed. AESSC has formed a partnership with Queen of Angels Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital for providing health services and referring people with low income and no insurance benefits to free clinics.

Location: 5250 Santa Monica Boulevard, #204
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Contact: Nora L. Ashjian

Phone: (323) 664-7610

Fax: (323) 664-4650

A

Asian American Resource Center

Services: Vocational training, Medi-Cal referral, English-as-a-Second Language, computer classes, citizenship and translations, specializing in Asian languages. Provides child care applications and referral, and passport pictures. Asian American Resource Center is a non-profit organization and works with the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids county department, providing services to welfare clients, and also providing teen counseling and community services. Most of the services are free and convenient for local residents.

Location: 1115 South "E" Street
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Contact: Rasmey Sam

Phone: (909) 383-0164

Fax: (909) 383-7687

C

Cambodian Association of America

Services: Child abuse and neglect prevention, alcohol prevention and intervention for youth and adults, tobacco awareness education and promotion of smoke free environments, family preservation and parenting education, juvenile crime, and family violence prevention, citizenship education, immunization program, Medi-Cal outreach, community employment program and the Khmer (Cambodian) radio program.

Location: 2501 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806-2708
Contact: Him S. Chhim
Phone: (562) 988-1863
Fax: (562) 988-1475

T

The Cambodian Family

Services: Helps refugees develop the skills and knowledge for a successful transition to American life. The Cambodian Family offers employment services, health education and assistance in accessing health services, and English classes. Provides problem-solving counseling and parenting education for the Cambodian community. The Cambodian Family offers after school programs for children and teenagers to help them be successful in school and develop strong characters and visions for the future. Tutoring, conflict resolution, leadership training, computer classes, Cambodian language and dance classes, and counseling.

Location: 1111 E. Wakeham, Suite E
Santa Ana, CA 92705
Contact: Rifka Hirsch
Phone: (714) 571-1966
Fax: (714) 571-1974
Web Page: Peoplecity.com/community/cambdf



Catholic Charities of Fresno

Services: Refugee Resettlement Program, Community Organizer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, English-as-a-Second Language and Citizenship Classes.

Location: 149 North Fulton Street
Fresno, CA 93701

Contact: Pai Yang

Phone: (559) 237-0851

Fax: (559) 264-0655

Web Page: paiyang@hotmail.com



Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego

Services: Reception and placement, case management, cash assistance, cultural orientation, translation, English-as-a-Second Language, employment services, health screening, health education, mental health assessment and referral, community outreach, status adjustment, asylum citizenship and family visa petitions. Participates in major programs such as Resettlement and Placement, Match Grant, Wilson/Fish, Alternative Resettlement, Community Orientation, Refugee Mental Health, Refugee Preventive Health, Refugee Elderly, Language Bank and various citizenship projects.

Location: 4575-A Mission Gorge Place
San Diego, CA 92120

Contact: Robert J. Moser, Ph.D.

Phone: (619) 287-9454

Fax: (619) 287-6328

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Santa Rosa
Immigration and Resettlement Services

Services: Information and legal services regarding immigration benefits, i.e. family visa petitions, adjustment of status to permanent resident, citizenship applications and assistance. Resettles refugees and family members. Referrals provided for English-as-a-Second Language, citizenship classes and immigration attorneys. Provides immigrants and refugees with legal services and information that will assist them in resolving immigration issues, reuniting families, resettling in the United States and becoming United States citizens.

Location: P.O. Box 4900
Santa Rosa, CA 95472
Contact: Vicki Mayster, Program Director
Phone: (707) 578-6000
Fax: (707) 575-4910

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles

Services: Refugee Resettlement and provides immigration legal assistance.

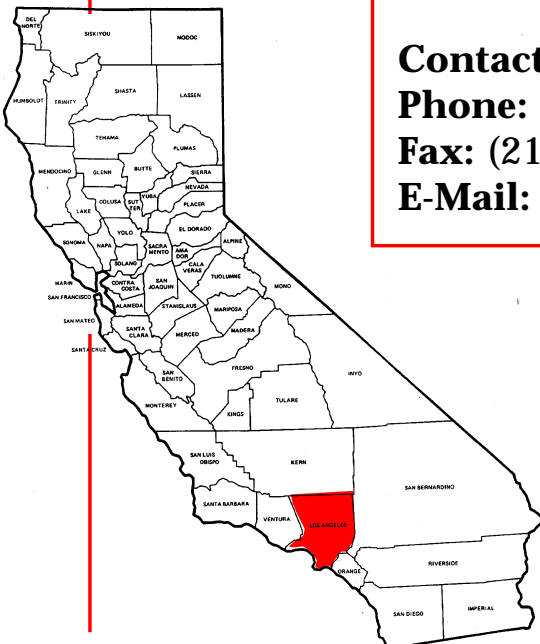
Location: 1530 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Contact: Loc N. Nguyen

Phone: (213) 251-3489

Fax: (213) 251-3444

E-Mail: lnguyen@ccharities.org



C

Catholic Charities of Orange County

Services: Citizenship education classes, citizenship application assistance, INS Interviews and finger-printing on-site, information/referrals, resettlement, social adjustment and volunteer training. Catholic Charities provides accredited legal assistance in document preparation for individuals and families seeking re-unification, legalization, adjustment of status and citizenship preparation.

Location: 1506 Brookhollow Drive, #112
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Contact: Thu Tran

Phone: (714) 957-4664

Fax: (714) 662-1816

E

Economic and Employment Development Center

Services: The Economic and Employment Development Center provides pre-employment training and finds employment for refugees and immigrants; offers individual guidance, and workshops to senior refugees over 63 years old. Provides micro-enterprise training, and offers loans for refugees start-up or business expansion; and provides technical assistance to refugee entrepreneurs. Provides health education materials, as well as translator and interpreter services in Southeast Asian languages.

Location: 241 South Figueroa Street, #240
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Contact: Liem Duong

Phone: (213) 617-3953

Fax: (213) 617-3341

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E

conomic Opportunities Commission

Services: Provides microenterprise loan and technical assistance, and refugee employment services, including developing employment opportunities for refugees in the public and private sector. Also develops Individual Development Accounts for refugees.

Location: 1900 Mariposa Mall, Suite 111
Fresno, CA 93721

Contact: Van Lam

Phone: (559) 263-1290

Fax: (559) 263-1549

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E

thiopian Association Community in Fresno

Services: The Ethiopian community in Fresno has continued to grow at a high rate, and as a community, has established an Ethiopian church. Church services are provided every Sunday throughout the year. Provides translation/interpretation services, transportation and cultural orientation.

Location: 3655 East Tulare
Fresno, CA 93702

Contact: Desta Fitsum

Phone: (559) 233-2499

Fax: (559) 233-2499

I

nternational Institute of Los Angeles (IILA)

Services: The International Institute of Los Angeles was founded in 1914 to help newcomers adjust to their new lives in Los Angeles. Today IILA, provides a comprehensive array of social services in 21 languages to approximately 20,000 people annually. Preschool children, at-risk youth, families, immigrants, refugees and seniors receive quality service at multiple IILA sites across the greater Los Angeles area.

Location: 3845 Selig Place

Los Angeles, CA 90031

Contact: Eskinder Negash, Vice President

Phone: (323) 224-3813

Fax: (323) 224-3810



I

International Institute of San Francisco

Services: The International Institute of San Francisco (IISF), participates in a national refugee resettlement network through Immigration and Refugee Services of America. IISF is currently providing resettlement services to Bosnian refugees. Accepts affidavits of relationship for Kosovar Albanians. Provides social adjustment/social services through the private industry council including English/citizenship classes, information/referral, interpretation/translation, employment information and counseling. Provides new arrival screening/health services in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, health education and health outreach services, several languages are spoken.

Location: 657 Mission Street #500

San Francisco, CA 94105

Contact: Llorette Tamayo, Resettlement
Margi Dunlap, Refugee Health

Phone: (415) 538-8100

Fax: (415) 538-8111

Web Page: www.iisf.org

I

International Rescue Committee - Garden Grove

Services: Upon entering the United States, International Rescue Committee provides refugee resettlement, including financial support, orientation/acclimation services, job search/employment services, and immigration services.

Location: 11752 Garden Grove Boulevard, Suite 216

Garden Grove, CA 92843

Contact: Dina Bostandzic

Phone: (714) 741-6146

Fax: (714) 741-6148

Web Page: www.intrescom.org

I

International Rescue Committee (IRC) - San Diego

Services: The International Rescue Committee is a non-profit, private, voluntary agency assisting refugees worldwide. It currently operates relief and rehabilitation programs in 25 countries, and provides comprehensive resettlement services for refugees in 18 U.S. cities including San Diego. The goal of resettlement is to enable each refugee to achieve self-sufficiency and to build a new life in freedom. The San Diego office oversees sub-offices in Orange County and Riverside County. The San Diego, Orange and Palm Desert offices have resettled nearly 40,000 refugees in the last 25 years. IRC San Diego's services cover a broad spectrum of services including financial assistance, educational services with particular emphasis on women and children, orientation, employment and immigration services.

Location: 4535 30th Street, Suite 110
San Diego, CA 92116

Contact: Cynthia A. Jensen

Phone: (619) 641-7510

Fax: (619) 641-7520

Web Page: www.intrescom.org



I

International Rescue Committee (IRC) - San Francisco

Services: Provides resettlement to refugees arriving from around the world, including Bosnia, the former Soviet Union, Vietnam, Laos, Iran, Iraq and Africa. Currently the office provides specialized services for Bosnian refugees, operates a city-wide assessment and referral system for refugees in San Francisco, and offers a variety of immigration services to refugees and former refugees. IRC also maintains two small offices in Sacramento.

Location: 1370 Mission Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Contact: Don Climent, Regional Director
Phone: (415) 863-3777
Fax: (415) 863-9264

J

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles Immigration & Resettlement Unit

Services: Refugee Resettlement; immigration services such as relative petition, affidavit of support, certificate of citizenship, replacement of lost naturalization certificate, replacement of lost green card, and travel documents. Provides refugee adjustment of status, consulate processing, fiancéé petition, adjustment of status for political asylees and parolees, employment authorization, extension for political asylum applicants, refugee petitions, and naturalization services.

Location: 6380 Wilshire Boulevard, #1200
Los Angeles, CA 90048
Contact: Sima Furman, Director
Phone: (323) 651-5573
Fax: (323) 651-5649

J

Jewish Family Service **Refugee Resettlement**

Services: Comprehensive range of refugee resettlement services to Russian and Iranian refugee arrivals. Provides pre-arrival consultation (licensing), case management services, orientation and acculturation, pre-employment training/Vocational English-as-a-Second Language assistance, job development/job counseling, mental health/social adjustment counseling, refugee access programs, senior services and a monthly Russian language magazine.

Location: 4855 College Avenue
San Diego, CA 92115
Contact: Bunni Kunin
Phone: (619) 583-3300
Fax: (619) 583-3303

J

Jewish Family Service of Sacramento

Services: Jewish Family Service of Sacramento offers a variety of services for people of all ages, backgrounds, and income. The main programs are: Counseling services, both individual and group by appointment, senior services which include information and referrals, care needs assessment and case management services. These programs offer a sliding fee scale. Refugee resettlement is also provided in conjunction with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, this includes a four-month period of resettlement assistance and help with preparing for the first job in the United States.

Location: 1329 Howe Avenue, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95825
Contact: Joyce Chazen, MA
Phone: (916) 921-1921
Fax: (916) 921-1922
Web Page: www.jfssacramento.org

J

John XXIII Multi-Service Center – A Program of Catholic Charities

Services: Provides a continuum of services to maximize self-sufficiency of at-risk seniors and their families, and is a multi-ethnic center. The John XXIII Multi-Services Center bilingual staff (Vietnamese, Mandarin, Spanish) has a client base of 1200 (87% Asian) seniors. Provides an on-site nurse managed clinic, English-as-a-Second Language and citizenship classes twice daily. Provides pre-literacy instruction in Vietnamese, socialization, adaptation and mental health services. Provides case managers and in-home assessment information. Provides referral and translation, and food distribution weekly. Provides Senior Adult Legal Assistance, Health Insurance Counseling Program, Asian Law Alliance, Council on Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Metropolitan Adult Education Program, Vietnamese senior companions, and nutrition five days per week. Also provides social dances.

Location: 195 East San Fernando Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Contact: Marion Johnson

Phone: (408) 282-8601 **Fax:** (408) 280-1026

L

Lao Community Development, Inc.

Services: Lao Community Development, Inc. is currently working on a medical outreach project. Volunteers provide service to all low-income Southeast Asian refugees. Provides individual and family counseling and advocacy services. Provides Lao translations.

Location: 931 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706
and 360 South Bailey, Fresno, CA 93727

Contact: Khamdaeng Vongsing

Phone: (559) 444-0844 or (559) 255-9487

Fax: (559) 444-0845

L

Lao Family Community Development, Inc. (LFCD)

Services: With offices in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, LFCD provides a wide range of services, including English-as-a-Second Language, citizenship assistance, public assistance advocacy, family literacy programs, preventive health education, employment services and training, youth activities, crime victim assistance, low-income housing and neighborhood development services. LFCD's staff speak several languages including Lao, Mien, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Thai, Khmu, and Bosnian.

Location: 1551 23rd Avenue
Oakland, CA 94606

Contact: Chaosarn Chao,
Executive Director

Phone: (510) 533-8850

Fax: (510) 533-1516

L

Lao Family Community of Fresno, Inc.

Services: Lao Family Community of Fresno, Inc. provides employment services, elderly refugee services and citizenship assistance. Also provided are parenting classes, counseling, Medi-Cal assistance, health classes, translation, and interpreting services.

Location: 4903 E. Kings Canyon Road, #281
Fresno, CA 93727

Contact: Pao N. Fang

Phone: (559) 453-9775

Fax: (559) 453-9705

E-Mail: info@laofamilyfresno.org

Web Page: www.laofamilyfresno.org

Lo Family Community of Stockton, Inc. (LFCS)

Services: LFCS is designed to assist Southeast Asian refugees with developing their self-support skills as members of a new community. LFCS currently provides the following services:

- The Refugee Community Center Project is a center which serves refugee youth, adults and elders.
- The Southeast Asian Family Assistance Team is a collaborative project with the Child Abuse Prevention Council, to work together towards providing maximum available assistance for at-risk children and their families.
- The Peace Partner project's goals, are to reduce serious gang-related youth violence in the county and to improve outcomes for youths at high risk.
- The Citizenship Project provides informational outreach, assessment of English skills and knowledge, citizenship training, citizenship application assistance, translation and interpretation services.
- The Case Management Service Center Project, provides case management services to California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) participants in accordance with the San Joaquin County CalWORKs Plan.

Location: 807 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 211
Stockton, CA 95202

Contact: Pheng Lo

Phone: (209) 466-0721

Fax: (209) 466-6567

L**Lao Khmu Association**

Services: Family and youth counseling, teen pregnancy prevention outreach, information/referral, translation/interpretation services, job search/job club, pre-employment preparation, and employment placement. Also provides immigration assistance, which includes “green card” application, naturalization, passports and photographing.

Location: 1044 North El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202

Contact: Robert Khoonsrivong

Phone: (209) 463-3410

Fax: (209) 463-7148

E-Mail: lkacenter@aol.com

L**Lao Lanexang Association**

Services: Lao Lanexang Association is a nonprofit organization, with volunteers who help the refugee community in dealing with death and illness.

Location: 208 Carmillita Way
Modesto, CA 95354

Contact: Phuong Sysavath

Phone: (209) 576-2751

L**Lao Sereexon Democratic Front**

Services: Lao and English translation/interpretation, counseling on housing rights, and Lao cultural performances (Lao classical and traditional folk dances). Provides lectures and workshops about Lao culture, literature, history, contemporary politics, human rights and refugees issues.

Location: 2434 Dover Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94806

Contact: Bouaphet Syghavong

Phone: (510) 235-2330

L

Liberian Community Foundation

Services: The Liberian Community Foundation provides cross-cultural orientation, relocation resources to assist newly arrived refugees and immigrants in finding housing, jobs, English-as-a-Second Language classes and other classes. Provides job skills and re-certification development, and provides food, clothing, furniture, appliances, and other basic necessities to help clients start a new life. Provides legal and immigration assistance, cross-cultural training for refugee women, citizenship education, and academic development for refugee children (K-12). Encourages self-employment and small business start-up for refugees. Provides a computer literacy program, resume preparation, and internet access for job search.

Location: 406 Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Contact: Rev. Roosevelt Tarlesson

Phone: (707) 557-2310

Fax: (707) 557-2310

Web Page: www.liberian.com

R

Refugee Transitions

Services: Refugee Transitions provides English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) volunteer tutors who work with students on a one-on-one basis, giving instruction in their homes for a six-month period. Provides family literacy instruction to parents and children through volunteers with an emphasis on helping parents become more involved in their children's schooling. Provides employment services, vocational ESL instruction and job search assistance to refugees who have been in the United States less than five years.

Location: 47 Sutter Street, Suite 428
San Francisco, CA 94108

Contact: Jeanne Mellett

Phone: (415) 989-2151

Fax: (415) 989-2153

Web Page: www.refugeetransitions.org

R

Russian American Mutual Assistance

Services: The Russian American Mutual Assistance has a main office in Carmichael and two branch offices with One Stop Career Centers in Mather and Rancho Cordova. Provides Welfare-to-Work On-the-Job Training for Russian speaking refugees, counseling, employment services, job clubs, employment application and resume preparation services. Provides refugee social services programs for the elderly (60+), and has a television project for social adjustment and cultural orientation of Russian Ukrainian speaking refugees, which airs on Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. on access TV channel 73 in the Sacramento area.

Location:

Main Office: 4052 Manzanita Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608

Phone: (916) 979-0519 **Fax:** (916) 979-0519

Branch Office: 10638 Schirra Avenue
Mather, CA 95655

Phone: (916) 228-3124 **Fax:** (916) 979-0519

Branch Office: 10665 Coloma Road, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Phone: (916) 942-2172 **Fax:** (916) 979-0519

Contact: Irina Vetchinkina, Executive Director

S

Sacramento Refugee Ministry

Services: Provides business development and job placement services through the Microenterprise Assistance Program. Sacramento Refugee Ministry is the Northern California affiliate for two national Voluntary Agencies, Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Location: 2117 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Contact: Maurine Huang

Phone: (916) 568-5020 **Fax:** (916) 568-7268

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Saint Anselm's Cross-Cultural Community Center

Services: Refugee Resettlement: Affiliated with Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Episcopal Migration Ministries. Included are immigration services, application for naturalization, citizenship preparation including in-home services for frail elderly, English-as-a-Second Language, employment counseling, job development/job placement, basic electronics, assembly training, Family Resources and Family Mentors for Welfare-to-Work Programs, social adjustment services and emergency transportation services.

Location: 13091 Galway Street
Garden Grove, CA 92844
Contact: Marianne Blank
Phone: (714) 537-0608
Fax: (714) 537-7606



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an Diego Urban League

Services: Since 1953, the San Diego Urban League has provided a wide variety of services to the greater San Diego community. It is estimated that over 45 years the League has assisted at least 435,000 people in their struggle for social and economic equality. Our programs are designed to give individuals the skills they need, whether they are job skills or life skills, so that they can be independent, productive and contributing members of society. League programs are open to all, although our primary constituents are African-Americans and other people of color.

The San Diego Urban League offers programs and services in the areas of education, AIDs (prevention, education), family reunification, family self-sufficiency, juvenile crime prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, crisis intervention, job preparation, employment assistance, outreach to African refugees, skills training, housing and support for homeless veterans, neighborhood beautification and first-time home buyers programs.

Location: 4261 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92102

Contact: Kimberly Kuykendall

Phone: (619) 263-3115

Fax: (619) 263-3660

Web Page: www.sdul.org



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Southeast Asian Community Center (SEACC)

Services: The Center's services are tailored to the needs of the Southeast Asian refugees and immigrants to adapt themselves to the new environments, quickly attain self-sufficiency and become productive members of society. Services provided by the Center can be grouped into four main categories:

- **Social Services:** SEACC provides a wide range of assistance necessary to the adjustment and self-sufficiency of Southeast Asians and other immigrants in the Bay Area and include English-as-a-Second Language Training, Vocational Training, Job Search, Job Placement, Cultural Orientation, Community Education, Translation and Interpretation, Health Education, and services for the youth and elderly.
- **Resettlement Services:** SEACC represents the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in the Bay Area to provide initial assistance to the newly-arrived refugees. SEACC also helps with family reunification and immigration matters, including application for citizenship and citizenship training classes.
- **Business and Economic Development:** SEACC provides business technical assistance as well as loans to small businesses to enable them to establish new businesses and/or to expand their existing businesses. The aim of the program is to create more jobs and self-sufficiency for the refugees and immigrants.
- **Community Empowerment:** SEACC is actively participating in activities to build up the visibility and the voice of the Southeast Asian Americans. Of particular concerns are legislation at the local, state and federal levels, such as welfare reform, naturalization, education, and civil rights policies.

Location: 1415 Koll Circle, #108
San Jose, CA 95112

Contact: Megan Bui

Phone: (408) 436-8438

Fax: (408) 436-8745

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nion of Pan Asian Communities

Services: Provides children/youth services including juvenile crime prevention, Pan Asian youth mentorship, mental health, parent involvement, substance abuse and alcohol and drug treatment. Provides community and corporate services, economic self-sufficiency, domestic violence intervention, physical health and wellness, senior independence and substance abuse programs.

Location: 4079 54th Street

San Diego, CA 92105

Contact: Ahmed Sahid, Program Manager

Phone: (619) 286-8880 **Fax:** (619) 229-2266

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nited Community Resources Agency

Services: Five district offices providing computer training, office technology, accounting/bookkeeping, basic skills training, medical assisting, cooking, food service and English-as-a-Second Language courses.

Location: 1811 N. Western Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90027

Contact: Lita Gonzales, Executive Director

Phone: (323) 913-1856 **Fax:** (323) 913-2751

Web Page: www.ucra.org

V

entura County Jewish Family Service

Services: Professional marriage and family counseling, financial counseling, legal services and senior to senior peer counseling.

Location: 1915 East Main Street

Ventura, CA 93001

Contact: Susan Hardy

Phone: (805) 641-6565

Fax: (805) 641-6560

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he Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation

Services: Provides employment services, and helps clients acquire new skills including computer training and English language training. In the past clients have primarily been from Indochina, but the range has expanded to include many refugees from Bosnia.

Location: 2260 Quimby Road
San Jose, CA 95122

Contact: Diem D. Ngo

Phone: (408) 532-7755

Fax: (408) 532-1699

W

orld Relief

Services: Refugee Resettlement with counselors and newcomers cultural orientation. Immigration Services, provides notary, photos, consultations, “green card” services, Board of Immigration Appeals in process, translations, visas, and works with asylee cases. Provides Vocational English-as-a-Second Language classes, tutors, teachers and volunteer mentors. Provides certified nurse assistant training classes and citizenship application assistance. Employment Services, includes resumes.

Location: 4748 Engle Road #103
Carmichael, CA 95608

Contact: Joy Dorman,
District Director

Phone: (916) 978-2650

Fax: (916) 978-2658

Web Page: www.worldrelief.org



Yim Hmoob Educational Association

Services: Conferences, educational advice/counseling for individual or groups of high school and college students. Provides scholarships for outstanding high school graduates. Provides a newsletter in Hmoob and English with worldwide distribution.

Location: P.O. Box 5239

San Diego, CA 92165

Contact: Xeng Yang

Phone: (858) 496-1945

Web Page: www.tns.net/~yimhmoob



If interested in being included in the next update of the Refugee Service Agencies Resources Directory, please complete the following Inquiry Form and E-mail or submit to:

**California Department of Social Services
Refugee Programs Branch**

744 P Street, MS 6-646

Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Bonnie Brady, Program Analyst

E-mail: bbrady@dss.ca.gov

SERVICE PROVIDER: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Web Page: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please give a brief description of the services you provide:



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